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1. Poloff delivered the demarche concerning the results of the February 22 meeting in Geneva hosted by IO A/S Kim Holmes with Geneva Group counterparts to discuss UN reforms, to Peter Taylor, Deputy Director of the United Nations and Commonwealth Affairs Division at Foreign Affairs Canada (FAC), on March 14. Taylor thanked us for the points, stated that he would coordinate with Mari-Isabelle Massip, Canada's representative at the Geneva meeting (who, Taylor indicated, was currently in Washington meeting with A/S Holmes), and would advise us if FAC had any additional comments to make.

2. As directed reftel, poloff also requested copies of papers that FAC is preparing on CHR reform and the Peacebuilding Commission. Henri-Paul Normandin, Director of the Human Rights Division at FAC, indicated that his division was in the process of drafting a paper on CHR reform, and that he would share it with us when it was more fully developed. Continuing, he referred us to the remarks that Canadian Foreign Minister Pierre Pettigrew made on March 14 at the opening of CHR-61, which, according to Normandin, contained the "gist" of Canada's position on CHR reform.

3. Shawn Barber, Deputy Director of the Peacebuilding and Human Security Division at FAC, provided poloff with an e-mail copy of FAC's paper on the Peacebuilding Commission, entitled "Canadian Views on Strengthening the Peacebuilding Capacity of the United Nations." He further indicated that he had previously e-mailed this document to Lisa Tepper at S/CRS.

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